

Thursday noon

Dear Caroline,

Got Hatch's Journal, containing a letter to Deborah. Whom I trobbed, that you might not stame. So I will see the letter as soon as convenient. After despatching Hatch's Journal I hurried back to the Lib. meeting. Excellent fun there. But best box labelled "Boudoin's box with no hope at the bottom" - I noticed it & ascribed cholera, "it had to be sure it is" as Dr. Webb says - I wish Mack trying to quarrel upon the authority question - Clark chucking us with him upon the "I am - you" ground (if he did not know it) Abigail Tolson protesting against resolutions, Chace's, & order - Abner Belcher thanking us for N. Beniston - principles, & drawing a distinction between "speaking the truth" & "speaking the truth in love." A man "whose face & whose heart we know" but whose name we have never got hold of - Grey, tall, thin & comical if not a little crazy withal, & calumniously pious, told "how good these principles was" & "how precious the literature was" - Many's the time he'd have it to get down in a corner with & read, when he took the way from - James Jones has announced - & topped off with expressing his wonder that the whigs didn't take up what Birney said at the Lib. Jan. meeting, at the temple

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"The told" says he, "a story about Aneas. ~~After he~~
said he could have had a nomination of the Whigs, but
thought best not to signify any willingness, 'cause
he didn't feel like going along with their views
to create notions, & thought they was pro-slavery, too.
Then he told how Aneas & his hands landed in Italy with
hardly provision enough for a meal, & how they
saw & saw a it, & went to sleep & when they
woke up the most voluptuous obsence, the uncleanest
birds (he quoted the Latin & Virgil and all,) had
cut into it & fouled it all over & couldn't be driv-
away. & ~~these~~ voluptuous obsence, he told they folks at
the temple, were the Locofocos, & after that, he
said he thought it best to accept their nomina-
tion, for the Lord has County wh in Michigan.
Only think of it! Mixed up with the voluptuous
obsence - the unclean birds, - that had fouled
every thing they hadn't denounced! Just at
the head of a detachment of them he try to
save a cake or so out of the provision. Well -
I thought I wonder what the Whigs would
say to this! He certainly ain't got one bit
of Party Spirit, though he is a Liberty Party
Man, or at least it don't take that turn.
& I do wonder the Whigs don't dwell upon
them voluptuous obsence - them unclean-birds."
[Chapp, softly.] Because they're birds of a feather.
An unknown Minister gin in his admission.
Bro. May there - The Tamton Bird, ^{too} (Shaker, of Birds)

Whom I asked to dinner. Joseph Wadsworth home
with me. Sam & Ballou in the choir. W Adams
of Pawtucket there. Little French I thought but
I must ascertain this afternoon. Tell Loring
all our hearts ^{THE ELEVENTH} ~~to~~ ^{for} ~~the~~ ^{birds,} ~~that~~ ^{they} ~~get~~ ^{well} ~~at~~ ^{last}
care of ~~the~~ ^{Massachusetts Anti-Slavery Fair} ~~purpose~~ ^{will} ~~be~~ ^{made} ~~in~~ ^{Amory Hall, Boston,} ~~commencing~~ ^{on Tuesday, Dec. 24th, 1844.} ~~By~~ ^{its} ~~means~~ ^{it} ~~is,~~ ^{that} ~~the~~ ^{debts} ~~of~~ ^{the} ~~cause,~~ ^{last} ~~year,~~ ^{were} ~~discharged;~~ ^{so} ~~that~~ ^{it} ~~is,~~ ^{at} ~~this~~ ^{moment,} ~~free~~ ^{to} ~~put~~ ^{forth} ~~its~~ ^{unencumbered} ~~strength,~~ ⁱⁿ ~~the~~ ^{prosecution} ~~of~~ ^{THE HUNDRED CONVENTIONS,} ~~through~~ ^{the} ~~medium~~ ^{of} ~~which,~~ ^{this} ~~appeal~~ ^{reaches} ~~you.~~ ^{If} ~~you~~ ^{wish} ~~slavery~~ ^{to} ~~cease,~~ ^{you} ~~cannot~~ ^{more} ~~effectually~~ ^{aid} ~~in~~ ^{its} ~~extinction,~~ ^{than} ~~by~~ ^{upholding} ~~this~~ ^{Fair.} ~~The~~ ^{experience} ~~of~~ ^{ten} ~~years~~ ^{enables} ~~the~~ ^{women} ~~of~~ ^{Massachusetts} ~~to~~ ^{present} ~~it~~ ^{to} ~~you~~ ^{as} ~~an~~ ^{effectual} ~~channel,~~ ^{through} ~~which~~ ^{your} ~~sympathy~~ ^{may} ~~unite~~ ^{with} ~~that~~ ^{of} ~~others,~~ ^{to} ~~swell~~ ^{the} ~~flood~~ ^{of} ~~effort~~ ^{by} ~~which~~ ^{high} ~~principle~~ ^{shall} ~~be~~ ^{diffused} ~~and~~ ^{right} ~~feeling~~ ^{excited,} ~~till~~ ^{the} ~~horrible~~ ^{institution} ~~of~~ ^{slavery} ~~shall~~ ^{be} ~~swept~~ ^{away.}

None of the funds raised by means of this Fair are ever permitted to run to waste in building up a political party, or in defraying electioneering expenses. They are used to promulgate through the press, and by the living voice, the truths of freedom, which convert men's hearts to the cause. We give a guaranty for the economical and judicious disposal of them, by providing for their expenditure by the Massachusetts Anti-Slavery Society. Without going back for years, to recapitulate former help, the beneficial consequences of which are in perpetual flow, we will simply state that the nett proceeds of this last year's Fair were TWENTY-ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS, exclusive of many small appropriations and the necessary expenses; and that, lacking the prospect of this aid, neither the hundred Western Convention, nor the shundred Conventions now in progress through Massachusetts, would have been undertaken. The influence of the cause might be increased ten-fold, by means of that aid from the Commonwealth generally, which it is disposed, if the way were open, to afford. A few words of suggestion may open this way. Permit us to make them for the cause's sake.

FIRST. We entreat whomsoever this sheet reaches instantly to announce an intention of aiding the ELEVENTH MASSACHUSETTS ANTI-SLAVERY FAIR, and to form, if possible, a little circle for weekly anti-slavery effort through the year. Gain all the aid possible, but wait for no one else. Whoever begins will be the nucleus round which much help will gather at length.

SECOND. To remember that there is nothing useful or ornamental—no mechanical, agricultural, or manufacturing product—nothing either to eat, drink or wear—no work of taste or art, for household use or decoration—but will (so perfect have our arrangements at length become) be made as available to the cause as its worth in money.

THIRD. To correspond with us for the purpose of benefiting us by your suggestions, and receiving the aid of ours. For it may often be in the power of all the friends of the cause, mutually to aid each other by the interchange of materials and labor, and by furnishing the newest patterns of articles of dress, or models of articles of furniture.

There surely needs no searching argument or eloquent appeal to commend the cause of freedom and humanity to professed Republicans and Christians. All see and feel that it is a good and a noble thing to spring to the relief and rescue of one human being undergoing wrong, or peril, or suffering. But here are well-nigh THREE MILLIONS, undergoing all the suffering, wrong, and peril of SLAVERY, that incarnation of all that is dreadful to the sons and daughters of Massachusetts, while all that universal man holds dear and holy is endangered by the existence of such a blighting institution. Righteous principle dies out—good feeling is extinguished—our country is endangered—our character as a people dishonored: and will not you, who admire a single act of devotedness, though done but for a single human being, be true to your own moral nature, and gladly give time, labor, money, prayer, sacrifice, that so you may save a nation—redeem a race—ennoble an age?

Let us hear from you speedily, and consider us your servants for the cause's sake,

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